

The Assembly

This is a fun assembly in which the children in your class can show the rest of the school how important it is to save water for the future.

Starter:

Explain to the class that they are going to perform an assembly to inform everyone in the school about how important water is for every living thing and what they can do to save it.

The assembly is split into four activities, allowing the children to split into groups and do one activity each. This also allows you to select which of the activities you want to include.

Activity 1

Fascinating water facts

In this activity, the children will tell the audience about some amazing water facts. They can each take in turn to read out one fact.

Below are some suggested facts. If you have already done the first lesson with the children, they can even use some of the facts they have discovered themselves.

Water facts:

- Every human being needs to drink around 2 litres of water every day.
- One tonne of water could keep 500 people alive for one day.
- The average person will need to drink 75,000 litres of pure water during their lifetime.
- The average person wastes 9 litres of water every time they brush their teeth.
- The water in the river Thames will be used by 7 different people and then recycled before it reaches the sea.
- Three-quarters of the human brain is made from water, (about the same as a pineapple).
- The climate is getting hotter due to Global Warming and some countries find they are getting less and less rain. This means they could start to run out of water.



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Activity 2

An old Indian fable

In this activity, the children can act out a traditional fable from India and explain the importance of using water wisely. Water is very precious because it sustains life and makes the earth more fertile.

An old man worked as a water bearer for his rich master. He had two large pots to carry the water, but one of the pots had a crack in it. The other pot was perfect in every way.

Each day the man went down to the stream and filled his two pots with water and carried the water to the rich man's house. By the time he reached the house, the cracked pot was only half full, while the perfect pot still carried a full load. The poor cracked pot felt ashamed and unhappy because it lost so much water every day.

The perfect pot mocked the old cracked pot. "Honestly," it said, "I can't think why we keep you. There is only one thing that you have to do, but you can't even do that properly!"

The man heard the perfect pot making fun of the old cracked pot, so he went to the shelf where the two pots were sitting, lifted down the cracked pot and carried it over to the window. He smiled gently and pointed to the path leading down to the stream.

The water bearer spoke to his old cracked pot. "Don't pay any attention to what others think of you" he said. "Look at my path down to the river. Do you see how it's lined with beautiful flowers? They only grow on one side of the path. Every day I carry you back up the hill and every day you lose a little water. That water is just enough to feed those flowers and brighten up everything around them. I take some of those flowers for my house and for the master's table."

He patted the old pot. "You see? You do more good than you realise."



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Activity 3

The news bulletin

This activity is set 'in a busy newsroom, in the year 2050'. The children will act out a news bulletin to show everyone how precious water will be in the future.

Newsreader: "Good morning. It's Tuesday April the 3rd, 2050. Here is the news. Still no end to the Great British Drought, 153 days without any rain. Over to our weather reporter, Harry Kane ..."

Harry Kane: "Still no rain I'm afraid. We had a small cloud over Cardiff about an hour ago but that's gone now. Over to Gail for today's forecast ..."

Gail: "Lots of sunshine and rising temperatures for the rest of the day. Hot weather followed by more hot weather and 30 degrees across the British Isles. Don't forget the sun-screen if you're going out today..."

Newsreader: "Thanks Gail. Not even a little drizzle? That's too bad. Now we're going live to Katie's Famous Auction House in London where there's been a lot of excitement today ..."

Reporter: "I'm here at Katie's Famous Auction House where there's been some very fierce bidding already this morning. There was a carton of fruit juice on offer earlier, and that went for £121. And we've just heard that the last bottle of Spring Water has been sold to an American for £2000."

Cut to the auction. The auctioneer is standing in front of the bidders who are all waving handfuls of Monopoly money.

Auctioneer: "What am I bid for this delightful late 20th Century can of fizzy cola Just a few traces of rust here and there."

Bidders: "£10", "£20", "£50", etc." The can of cola sells for several thousand Pounds.

Auctioneer: "Thank you ladies and gentlemen. Now for the highlight of the auction. This very well preserved 2-litre plastic bottle of mud from a ditch just outside Slough ..."



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Bidders: (desperate) "One thousand Pounds", "Two thousand Pounds", etc. Other children join in by calling out their bids such as "My Ferrari" or "My diamond necklace".

Eventually, the bottle of mud sells to the highest bidder. "Thank you Mrs. Beckham."
Everyone else looks disappointed.

This makes the point that people will part with anything of value to get water if it starts to run out.

Activity 4

The Rap

Everyone joins in with the rap and ends the Assembly on an upbeat note.

When I turn on a tap and the water comes out,
A cup underneath and I put it to my mouth,
It's really cool and I like it a lot,
It bubbles, it fizzes, it hits the right spot.

There's lots in the ocean, there's more in the sea
But we can't drink that 'cos it's too salt-ee
It's good for washing & it's good to drink
It's good for your brain and it helps you think!

Sometimes I take water & splash it on my face,
It's cool and refreshing after every race,
I love sweet water, it quenches my thirst,
When it comes to drinking, water comes first.

Taste it, don't waste it ... water's fun,
And you know if we're careful ... there's enough for everyone!

